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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6692

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJ: POW/MIA LAOS - EMMET KAY

REF: VIENTIANE 6659 AND 6691 (NOTAL)

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT THIS MORNING ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I NOTED THAT STATEMENTS EMANATING FROM SENIOR PATHET LAO OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT EMMET KAY WOULD BE RELEASED ON OR ABOUT THE 12TH OF SEPTEMBER. I ASKED PHOUMI WHETHER HE COULD CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION AND WHETHER I SHOULD RECOMMEND TO MRS. KAY THAT SHE COME TO VIENTIANE TO MEET HER HUSBAND. PHOUMI ANSWERED OBLIQUELY BY STATING THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL PRISONERS OF BOTH SIDES, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY, SHOULD BE RELEASED. KAY NATURALLY WOULD BE INCLUDED. IF THE VIENTIANE SIDE RELEASED ALL THE

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PRISONERS THEY HELD THERE WAS NO REASON THAT THE KAY

RELEASE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN SCEPTICAL REGARDING THE KAY
RELEASE, MY TALK WITH PHOUMI LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT
SUBJECT TO ALL THE USUAL CAVEATS THERE IS A VERY GOOD
CHANCE THAT HE WILL BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
JCCIA PLAN. IT IS NOT PHOUMI'S STYLE TO GIVE CATEGORIC
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BUT HE CAME AS CLOSE AS ONE COULD
EXPECT TO PROMISING KAY'S LIBERATION.

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